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Revenue (1940) Department

MS SERIES.

G.O. No. 2439

Dated 10-10-'94

[Despatch Abstract.]

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Basavanna and Roya channels and the Kamalapuram tank - Water cess on lands previously under irrigation and newly brought under irrigation - Levy in fasli 1350 - Orders passed.

Sects. 17.76—20,000.

Rev Department.

C. No. 2609 Rev

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C.F. 31—12,006—28-11-39

Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

CURRENT No. 2609F

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Subject.

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospet Taluk - Basavanna and Roya channels and the Kamalapuram tank - Water cess on lands previously under irrigation - Fasli 1350 - Report - Submitted to the Government.

Ref. H. No. 539/40-2

Station Madras, *Dated the* 30th July 19 40

From

R.A. Gopalaswami, Esq., I.C.S.,

JOINT Secretary,

Board of Revenue.

C.A. Henderson, Esq., C.S.I., V.D., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Irrigation.

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Read again :-

B.P. Mis. No. 765 dated 4-3-1937.
G.O. No. 2138, Revenue, dated 18-8-1939.

Read also :-

Letter from M. Karamatullah, Esq., I.C.S., Collector, Bellary, D.Dis. No. 1101/40, dated 28-5-1940.

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REFERENCE:

Submitted to the Government.

2. The Board does not feel quite sure that the Collector has adverted to the past history of the case. It is now too late to notify the new rates proposed by the Collector as cultivation season should have begun even in June. The Collector has not definitely stated whether the new rates should be in force in fasli 1350 only or should

continue

continue for a longer period. He has not also reported whether the ryots agree to the levy of the proposed rates and would continue to take water at the new rates or whether the introduction of these rates will lead to the diminution of extents under irrigation and if so to what extent revenue will be affected thereby. He has been requested to furnish information on these points before December 1940 so that orders of Government may be obtained in time for the new rates to be notified before the cultivation chargeable during fasli 1351 commences. Further, at a time when the concessional rates of water cess now in force are continued unaltered under the C.M.P., Kattalai and other sources, it will be difficult to postulate a marked improvement of economic conditions in the Bellary district particularly such as would justify the raising of rate from Rs.4/- to Rs.7-8-0. Moreover, the present time is not opportune for increasing the rates of water cess. The Board therefore requests that the Government will be pleased to sanction the continuance of the old rates of water cess during fasli 1350.

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for JOINT SECRETARY.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department - paras 1 & 2.

To the Collector of Bellary - whole.

VSK.31-7.

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Copy of letter D.Dis. No. 1101/40, dated 28-5-1940, from M. Karamatullah, Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Madras.

Subject: Irrigation - major - Bellary district - Hospet taluk - Basavannah channel scheme - Maximum rates of water cess - Levy - Report submitted.

Ref: Board's Ref. No. H. 539/40-1, dated 28-2-40.
Board's Endt. No. H. 1360/36 dated 4-6-1936.

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The construction of the New Basavannah extension channel was completed in F. 1345. Watercess at the rate of Rs.10/- per acre for a single crop other than a duffasal crop, and Rs.15/- per acre for a duffasal crop was ordered to be levied from F.1346 on the lands irrigated. A distinction was also made in respect of the dry lands "previously irrigated" and "newly brought under irrigation" for the purpose of the levy of water cess. In the case of the latter class, water cess was ordered to be levied at ¼ of the maximum rates for the single crop and duffasal crop for the ~~last~~ first two years, ½ in the 3rd year, ¾ in the 4th year and the maximum rates in the 5th year commencing from F.1346. The maximum rates have therefore to be charged in F.1350. In the case of lands previously under irrigation, the levy of the water cess at the old rates was ordered to be adopted in the current fasli 1349 also in G.O. No. 2138, Revenue Department, dated 18-8-1939.

2. The lands under the Raya, Basavannah and its extension channel and Kamalapuram tank are mostly cultivated with paddy and sugarcane and the latter is grown on an extensive scale. The price of paddy has no doubt risen this year, but the rise is only temporary due to the present war conditions. The price of Jaggery however continues to be almost the same as

in the years past. The area newly brought under irrigation has not reached the extent expected i.e., 1550.77 A C. The actual area under irrigation is only 1024.44 A C, which shows that the irrigation has not yet been fully develpped. Further the soil of the lands newly brought under irrigation is still poor and has not reached the standard of the lands previously under irrigation.

3. In view of the above facts, the maximum rates of water cess i.e., at Rs.10/- per acre for a single crop and Rs.15/- per acre for a duffasal crop, which are due to be levied from fasli 1350, may not be introduced yet; but instead Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a duffasal crop, and Rs.11-4-0 per acre for a duffasal crop may be charged for the irrigation of both the classes of lands - the lands "previously irrigated" and those "newly brought under cultivation".

VSK.31-7. APN 28-11

Assessment - Charge for water - Bellary - Hospet Taluk - Basavanna and Raja channel and Kamalapuram tank - Water cess - Continuation of the old rates. Board Proc. H. 539/Ass-20) 30 2/Ass

The Bd of Rev is requested to ascertain and report whether the water rate on lands newly brought under irrigation was collected at the rate of Rs 5-0-0 in fasli 1345 (Rs) 8-0 in fasli 1346 as prescribed in G.O. Rule III of Rules for the levy of water cess approved in Ass 2592 Rev of 1.3-12-1934.

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P.C. Dy Secy 13.8.40.

Joint Secy
Bd of Rev.
(T.M.)

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Adviser to Government
Department of Revenue
Government of Madras

16 AUG 1940

Dear Sir,

The following resolution adopted unanimously at a meeting of the Ryot's Association, held today at 8. a.m. (14-8-40) is forwarded for your consideration and necessary action thereon.

I have the Honour to remain,

Dear Sir

Yours obediently

J. Chandrappa
President,
Ramalapuram Ryots' Association
Nandet Taluk.

D. 14.8.40.

The notification of the District Collector dated 15.7.40. in the Bellary District Gazette regarding the enhancement of rates on dry lands under the Vedavathy and Tungabhadra Channels etc was considered in the light of previous orders affecting the issue. It was noted that previously representations were made by this association protesting against the heavy enhancement of water rates and requesting for a modification of orders. The matter has not been, so far as the Association was aware, finally disposed and the Association finds it surprisingly disappointing that such a modification, as referred to, should have been issued pending negotiations and final decision by the Government. The association requests the Revenue Department to await final orders and not to compel the

poor

poor ryots to pay under taxes.

Further, the Association representing a large number of wet-cultivators under the channels affected by these orders, deems it necessary to urge that any scheme enhancing the irrigation rates on lands, not newly brought under cultivati is unreasonable and disastrous to the cultivators. It has been repeatedly pointed out that the major portion of the ayacut is poor soil, undulating and rocky at places. The general condition of agriculture is very discouraging due to a variety of causes, which deserve a through enquiry and close examination. Labour is scarce, transport facilities few, and health is an eternal anxiety. As a result of these and several other facts the population is stay- at and stagnant if not on the decline. Any enhancement of rates will disturb the equilibrium and serious consequences are bound to follow. The matter of enhancement of water rates in such a locality, notorious for its backwardness and famines, shall not be, it is suggested, treated hurriedly and without mature deliberation and consent of the people concerned. Hence, pending further examination the association feels, and thinks itself justified in its feeling, that the Revenue Department should stick to the old rates of ~~the~~ 4 and 6 regarding old dry lands.

It is also considered just by the association that pending final orders the rates for extended areas under the new channel should be collected at Rs 7-8, which is itself too heavy. The association refers the Government to its previous representations and reiterates its protest against the idea of recouping the capital spent on the construction of the extended channel or that of receiving interest ~~thereon~~ on it, which has led to all these new schemes and levies. It may not out of place to remind them that this construction

was not

was not an outlay of capital, but an act of generosity meant to relieve the poverty-striken peasants of these parts. The levy now proposed is thus neither just nor deserved, and the Government is requested to reconsider its notification.

It is also necessary to note uner what times the ryots are living today. The war clouds are hanging heavily shutting all rays of a good-market and further the drain on agricultural income otherwise is not negligible. These are distressing days and even a straw is enough to break the ryots' neck. In view of all the stated above the Government are requested to stay all orders of enhancement and save the peasants of unhappy experiences and also to take the matter on hand for a final enquiry and settlement.

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G.F. 304—5,386 Bks.—1-2-40.

OFFICE OF THE Rev. Secy

Dated 7-9- 1940

3.58 PM Hours Minutes.

VIC MESSAGE

From The Secy, Bd of Rev.

To The Under Secy to Govt, Rev.

Assessment. Charge for water.

Bellary - Hospet Tk. Basavanna & Raya channels & Kamalapuram tank. Water Cess - Continuation of old rates. Your Endt 13.8.40.

It has been ascertained from the Collr of Bellary that water cess on lands newly brought under cultivation was collected at the rate of Rs. 5/- in Fasli 1348 and Rs. 7-8-0 in F. 1349 as prescribed in rule 3 of the rules for the levy of water cess approved in Cir. 2592-Rev dy 13.12.34.

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Rev Depts

Assessment - Charges for water (Bellary Hospet Lakes - Basavanna and Raja Channels and the Kamalapuram Lands - Water cess - Enhancement of the old rates for F 1356.

Cmo 28097/Rev

Down the Bd of Rev Dis H. 539/Rev-2 of 30.7.46

Ls U.S

Please see the Board's Proc at Pp 1-2 Ct.

(R) 1. In his 2592 Rev of 13.12.34 the Govt issued rules for the levy of water cess for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet Lakes of the Bellary Dt with water from the Basavanna Channel (including the Extension channel), the Raja Channel and the Kamalapuram Lands. In order to encourage rapid development of irrigation and help the ryots to meet the cost of preparing the lands for irrigation, concessional rates have been fixed for the first four years on lands to be newly brought under irrigation. The revised rates were introduced from fasli 1346 on dry lands previously under irrigation. The owners of these lands objected to the levy of enhanced rates. It was pointed out by the Board that the levy of enhanced rates of water cess from fasli 1346 was not notified to the ryots before cultivation began in June 1936 and therefore recommended that the new rates might be introduced from fasli 1347. The Govt issue of final

× Referred to in para 9 of Govt Pp 9 of notes to Govt 2138 Rev dt 12.5.37 (M)

@ Rs 10/- per acre for single crop Rs 15/- per acre for two seasonal crops.)

orders the Govt accepted the recommendation of the Board that water cess should be collected on these lands for fasli 1346 at the old rates instead of at the new rates and the Board was asked to furnish certain particulars for the purpose of considering the question whether there was a case for modifying the rates of water cess prescribed for these lands. This concession of levying the old rates in respect of dry lands already under irrigation was continued for each fasli i.e. from 1346 to 1349. The circumstances under which the concession was extended upto and inclusive of Fasli 1348 are discussed in detail in the order at pp 7-13 of Mdu Govt Rev(I) 18.8.39. The position is as follows:—

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~ Rs 4 per acre for D and Rs 6/- per acre for Tuljapur

(1) Areas newly brought under cultivation. Concessional rate.

Fasli	1346	Rs 2-8-0
	1347	2-8-0
	1348	5-0-0
	1349	7-8-0
	1350	10-0-0

para 9 of G.O. No 1452

In para 2 of Govt Res 1452 Rev(Conf) of 25.7.1934, the Board was ~~has been~~ asked to report six months before the beginning of the fasli in which the 3rd rate is due to come in (i.e. fasli 1350) whether in view of the trend of prices and the development of irrigation the maximum rate should be introduced.

para 22 (T) See below

(2). Areas previously under irrigation. Only

the old rates of water-cess (Viz. Rs 4 for a first crop and Rs 6 for a dufasal crop) are being collected since fasli 1346 on lands previously under irrigation.

See Item. 01 pp 10 & 12 and order at p 13 ante Exh (4)

3. The two questions to be settled are

(1) the rates to be levied in respect of the new areas and

(2) the rates in respect of the old areas.

4. Collector's proposal.

The area newly brought under irrigation has not reached the extent expected (i.e, 1550.77 acres. The actual area under irrigation is only 1024.44 acres which shows that the irrigation has not yet been fully developed. There is also no steady rise in prices. The soil is also poor. In view of these facts the Collector recommends that Rs 7-8-0 per acre for a single crop and Rs 11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop may be charged for the irrigation of both the classes of lands — the lands "previously irrigated" and those newly brought under cultivation". p 4 ante

with effect from F 1350

5. Board's proposal.

The Board considers that it is too late to modify the new rates proposed by the Collector as cultivation season should have begun even in June. The Board also considers Item 1-2 ante

that the time is not opportune for increasing the rates of water cess. The Board has called for certain particulars from the Collector who has been asked to submit them by Dec 1944 so that orders of Govt may be obtained in time for the new rates to be notified before the cultivation chargeable during fasli 1351 commences. The Board therefore requests that the old rates of water cess may be continued during fasli 1350 also.

6. For orders whether with F 1350 also the old rates of Rs 4 per acre for a 1st crop and Rs 6 per acre for a Nanjanad crop may be continued in respect of lands already previously under cultivation and the concessional rate of Rs 2-8-0 per acre continued in respect of the lands newly brought under cultivation.

This may be done
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x Done in F 1309—X
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Attention is in this connection invited to the minutes recorded by the late H.H. Resr and H.P.H on pp 12-13 of the notes to Ex 2138 Revd 18.8.39. Orders on the differential water rate system referred to therein have not yet been issued. A reference on the subject has been sent to Board and the Board's reply is awaited.

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Ex 2138/39.
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The remarks of P.W.D and Finance may be invited.

We may agree with the Board

continue to charge Rs 4/- per single crop & Rs 6/- per dufasal crop on lands previously under irrigation & also we may also levy Rs 7.5.0 on lands newly brought under irrigation. It is apparently the maximum rate contemplated in the noting in G.O. 2135 Rev (M) of 15.8.34.

2. The office should examine separately why the report was not made 6 months before G.O. 1350 i.e. in Dec 1934 as required by para 2 on p22 of G.O. 1452 Rev (Temple) of 25.7.34.

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Please ascertain definitely if the lands newly brought under irrigation are charged Rs 5-0-0 under cess in 1348 & Rs 7-8-0 in 1349.

1349.

Issued T.M. to the Joint Secy, Rd Board on 13.8.40.

From the Karimnagar Revenue Divisional Officer, Hanamkonda Lr. Rc. No. dated 7-9-40

Extract of the remarks of A, on p 7 cf

What is all this about?

G. T. B.
16.8.40

Extract of Secretary's remarks on p 7 cf.

Papers

B. G. H.
16.8.40

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The representation at pp 7-9 cf is against the levy of increased rates of water cess for the irrigation of crops with water from the Basavanna Channel (including the extension Channel), the Raya Channel and the Kamalapuram Tank in the Bellary Dt. Their request is that the old rate of Rs 4 per acre for first crop and Rs 6 per acre for 2nd crop should be continued in respect of any lands already under irrigation and that the commercial rate of Rs 7-8-0 per acre should be continued in respect of lands newly brought under cultivation. The question as to what rates should be charged during the current fasli (1350) has already been raised by the Board and it has been noted upon in the notes at pp 1-5 ante.

Dates for ...
Rule II ...
... 25-2-12 ...
Rates for ...
... for ...

See A on p 8 cf.

B on p 8 cf.

pp 1-2 cf

With reference to Secretary's remarks on p 5 ante the Collector has been addressed on the subject and the Board's reply is awaited.

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From the Bd of Rev T. M dy 7.9.40

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With reference to Secretary's Remarks on p 5 ante it has been ascertained from the Bd of Rev that water cess on lands newly brought under cultivation was collected at the rate of Rs 5/- in F 1348 and Rs 7-8-0 in F 1349 in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules at p 2 of Rv 2592 Rev D 13.12.34. For orders on the note at pp. 4-5 above.

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In view of the fact that the area newly brought under irrigation is being charged Rs 7-5-0 with effect from fasli 1345, I see no reason why the area previously under irrigation should not be charged at Rs 7-5-0 from fasli 1350. At present rate of Rs 10 per acre cess. Have been levied on this area since 1346 but if the ryot subsequently in any particular fasli withdraws cultivation from the area, Mr. A at p. 11 n.f of (M) I recommended that the rate of Rs 7-5-0 should be levied on this old area from fasli 1345. The Ex. H.M. Rev. disagreed. The ex-H.P.M. accepted on condition that Rs 7-5-0 were levied in 1345 F. See p. 13 n.f of (M) the ex H.M.

Rao persuaded the ex H.P.M. to accept Rs 4-0-0 for 1 day also since only Rs 5-0-0 was received in Taxpri for myeloma under Causey-Whittam. The fact that the work might exist in the same agent was already paying Rs 7-8-0 was overlooked. There is no possible justification for differentiating between the Rd & the new area of irrigation in favour of the former.

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Rev No 2609F/40
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To P.V.

Fin

P.WD

Submitted that this dept may agree with Rev. Secy. The file may be passed on to Fin.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
13 SEP 1940
FINANCE DEPT.

P.WD No 31930A
12-9-40
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(F) Under the rules for the levy of water Cess for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet taluk of Bellary Dt. with water from the Basavanna channel (including Extension channel), the Roya channel & the Kamalapuram tank, the following rates are leviable from F. 1346 ~~when~~ (the project was completed in F. 1345):—

A. Dry lands already under irrigation.

(1) (1) For a I irrigated crop (not being a dufasal crop.) } Rs 10 per acre

(2) For a II or III irrigated crop (not being a dufasal crop) } Rs 5 "

(3) For an irrigated dufasal crop Rs 15 "

B Dry lands newly brought under irrigation

First year of irrigation (F. 1346) Rs 2½ per acre

Second " " " (F. 134[illegible]) Rs 2½ per acre

Third " " " (F. 1348) Rs 5 per acre

Fourth " " " (F. 1349) Rs 7½ per acre

Fifth " " " (F. 1350) Rs 10 per acre

2 Item B above. It has been ascertained from the Collector of Bellary that water Cess on these lands was collected at Rs 5/- in Fasli 1348 and at Rs 7-8-0 in Fasli 1349 as prescribed in rule III of the rules for the levy of water Cess. Presumably the rate ~~that will be~~ levied in F. 1350 ~~will~~

~~be~~ Rs 10/- as required by the rules. Q
Revenue may be requested to verify if this presumption is correct.

3 Item A in para 1 above.

Before the project, the rates levied were Rs 4 for Single crop and Rs 6 for dufasal Crop with corresponding rates for other crops. When the project was completed in 1945 and the revised rates were introduced in 7.1346, Complaints were received from affected ryots. The old rates were continued in Fasli 1346 and also in the subsequent faslis till Fasli 1349. For the reasons stated by the Board of Revenue on pages 1-2 C.F., it recommends further continuance of the old rates for Fasli 1350. The Revenue Secretary considers that in view of the fact that the area newly brought under irrigation is being charged at Rs 7-8-0 with effect from Fasli 1349, there is no reason why the area previously under irrigation should not be charged at Rs 7-8-0 from fasli 1350. P.W.D agree with Revenue. As observed by the Rev. Secy. there is no possible justification for differentiating between the old & the new areas of irrigation in favour of the former.

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X or p. 11 - Last

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Page X1 or p 10 ante

Page X1 + Page XV1 + C.F. p. 1 & 2 ante

pages 7-8 ante

page 8 ante

page 8 ante

Finance may agree to a rate of Rs 7-8-0 being charged for old lands in Fasli 1350.

This Deptt. may also suggest that if Rs 10 is the rate charged for the newly irrigated lands from the current fasli, the same rate may be imposed on lands already under irrigation from the next fasli (1351) onwards. (This will obviate a sudden increase in the rates from Rs 4 to Rs 10.)

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Rev Dept

With reference to the Fin Deptt's note above, it is submitted that under the rules new irrigation shall pay Rs 10/- per acre in the current fasli 1350. The Collr, Nellore, recommends the continuance of the Rs 7-8-0 rate.

Orders are requested whether

Rs 7-8-0 may be charged for both old & new irrigation in the current fasli 1350

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Although the rate of Rs.10 was definitely prescribed for the fifth year in the case of new irrigation, it was ordered that the question of enhancing para 2 of the G.O. at (T) from Rs.7-8-0 to Rs.10-0-0 should be examined with reference to price levels and the development of irrigation six months before the change was due. Although the same provision was not made in respect of old irrigation, it is only logical that the consideration of prices should be taken into account in respect of old irrigation as much as of new. The Board has not yet submitted the report called for in para 2 of the G.O. at (T) but in view of the Collector's recommendation and of the general price levels now prevailing the question of enhancement to Rs.10 may be postponed in the case of both classes, new and old irrigation. As proposed in the Revenue notes above, rates of Rs.7-8-0 may be allowed for old and new irrigation alike for fasli 1350. Finance may see again.

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Finance (Acct.)

(Previous Fin: note on pp. 9-11 above.)

The proposal at K above may be agreed to.

28.9.40.

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28 SEP 1940

ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

FINANCE DEPT.

Fin No. 3647/Acct/1

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Rev Dept D

H last saw at p 6 ante
the note from p) may be
perused, & the Fin Dept note at
pp 9-11 summarises the case.
For orders whether K on p 12 ante
will be approved

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H.M.S.
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Yes
3.10.40

H.M.S

A draft order is invited for approval.
The last sentence of para 4 of the draft is for order.
2. It seems unnecessary to send any reply to the petition at pp 7-9 ante which has been relied upon at p 6 ante.
3. A C.B.E against Date 1.4.41 may be made to watch the receipt of the Boards' report ~~asked for~~ asked for in para 4 of the draft below.

Add
H.M.S.
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I have amended para 4

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Issue receipt & send to Records for file.

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C.F. 16. Rev Depn

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL.

SUBJECT:—

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When signed		
When despatched.		

READ AGAIN G.O. No 2592 Rev., dated 13-12-34 19.

" " " 2138 Rev. " 18-8-39. (M) 19.

READ *ALSO*:—

No. 2609 7/40 From the Bd. of Rev., Mds. No. H. 539/140-2, dated 30-7-1940. Pp 1-4C.

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Order Ms. No. 1432, dated 10 Oct 19.

Resolution Rout.

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According to rule II (a) of the rules issued with G.O. No 2592 Rev., D. 13.12.34, for the levy of water-cess for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet taluk of the Bellary district with water from the Basavanna channel (including the Extension channel), the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram tank, when water from any of these sources is supplied for the regular irrigation of crops on dry lands, water-cess should be levied at the following rates :—

(i) for a first irrigated crop

not being a dufasal crop, Rs. 10 per acre;

(ii) for a second or third irrigated crop, not being a dufasal crop, Rs. 5 per acre; and

(iii) for an irrigated dufasal crop, Rs. 15 per acre.

In rule III, it was ordered that for the regular irrigation of crops on lands newly brought under cultivation, one-fourth of the rates specified above should be charged for the first two years of irrigation, one-half for the third year of ~~irrigation~~ and three-fourths for the fourth year. ~~of irrigation.~~ In Memos No. 2020 7/37-5, dt. 8.1.38, No. 2020 7/37-7, dt. 6-5-38, and No. 2020 7/37-11, dt. 7-7-1939, and G.O. No. 2138 Rev, dt. 18.8.1939, the Govt. ordered that, on lands previously under irrigation from the sources in question, the old rates of water-cess (viz. Rs. 4 for a first crop and Rs. 6 for a dufasal crop) ~~should continue to be levied~~ should continue to be levied

P. 2 of (R)

P. 10 of (M)

" P. 12 ib.

P. 13 ib.

for faslis 1346 to 1349 inclusive of the rates specified in Rule II (a) referred to above.

2. For the reasons given in para 2 of his letter D. Dis. No. 1101/40, dt. 28-5-40, the Coll. of Bellary has recommended that the rates of Rs. 7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs. 11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop may be charged for fasli 1350 for the irrigation of both classes of lands — viz the lands previously irrigated and those ~~previously~~ newly brought under irrigation. In para 2 of its Reference read above, the Bd. of Rev. has however proposed that the old rates of water-cess, ie the rates in force in fasli 1349, should continue to be levied for fasli 1350 on areas previously under irrigation. ~~1350~~. The Board has not made any recommendation regarding the water-cess to be levied ~~on the lands except the proposal of the Bd. of Rev.~~ in respect of areas newly brought under cultivation. ~~They see however~~

3. The Govt. see no ~~possible~~ justification for

differentiating between the old and the new areas of irrigation in favour of the former and, in view of the fact that the areas newly irrigated are being charged Rs. 7-8-0 for a first crop and Rs. 11-4-0 for a dufasal crop per acre with effect from fasli 1349, they see no reason why the areas previously under irrigation should not also be charged at these rates for fasli 1350. Water rates at Rs. 10 and Rs. 15 per acre should have been levied on the old areas of irrigation from fasli 1346 under the rules notified in December 1934 but the old rates of Rs. 4 and Rs. 6 per acre were continued up to fasli 1349 as a matter of concession. In these circumstances it cannot be contended that there has been lack of notice of the liability of the lands to the higher rates of water-cess. The Govt. accordingly direct that Rs. 7-8-0 per acre

for a first ~~sort~~ crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs. 11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop should be charged for both old and new areas of irrigation for fasli 1350.

4. In respect of lands newly brought under cultivation, the Board of Revenue was, in para 2 of G.O. No. 1452 Rev, dt. 25.7.34, asked to submit a report, six months before the beginning of the fasli in which the maximum rate of Rs. 10. was due to be introduced for them, whether in view of the trend of prices and the development of irrigation, the maximum rate should be introduced. Although the same provision was not made in respect of old areas of irrigation, it is only logical that the consideration of prices should be taken into account in respect of them also. ~~The rate of Rs. 10 was chargeable for newly irrigated areas for fasli 1350 but the Board has not yet submitted the~~

~~report called for in para 2 of~~
~~G.O No. 1452 Rev., dt. 25.7.1940~~ In view
~~of the~~ of the Collr's recommendation
in his letter dt. 28-5-1940 and of
the general price levels now
prevailing, the Govt consider
that the ~~question of enhancement~~ making of works expenditure will be the following
~~enhancement~~ of the rate to Rs. 10 per acre at present
~~should be postponed~~ for in the
case of ~~both~~ either classes of land,
new and old areas of irrigation.
The Board is requested to
~~submit a~~ report ~~on the question~~ either this
~~enhancement~~ should be dropped for fasli 1351.
~~so as to reach the Govt by~~ by 1.4.41.

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Abstract

Assessment - Charge for water - (Bellary) - Hospet taluk - Basavanna and Roya Channels and the Kamalapuram tank - Water cess on lands previously under irrigation and newly brought under irrigation - Levy in fasli 1350 - Orders passed.

Revenue Department

G.O.No. Ms. 2432 dated 10th October 1940.

Read the following:-

G.O.No.2592 Rev. dated 13th December 1934.
G.O.No. 2138 Rev. dated 18th August 1939.
From the Board of Revenue, Refce.No.H.539/40-2 d/30.7.1940.

O r d e r:-

According to rule II(a) of the rules issued with G.O.No. 2592 Revenue, dated 13th December 1934, for the levy of water-cess for the irrigation of crops in the Hospet taluk of the Bellary district with water from the Basavanna channel (including the Extension channel), the Roya channel and the Kamalapuram tank, when water from any of these sources is supplied for the regular irrigation of crops on dry lands, water-cess should be levied at the following rates:-

(i) for a first irrigated crop not being a dufasal crop, Rs.10/- per acre;

(ii) for a second or third irrigated crop, not being a dufasal crop, Rs5 per acre; and

(iii) for an irrigated dufasal crop, Rs.15 per acre.

In rule III, it was ordered that for the regular irrigation of crops on lands newly brought under cultivation, one-fourth of the rates specified above should be charged for the first two years of irrigation, one-half for the third year and three-fourths for the fourth year. In Memos. No. 2020F/37-5, dated 8th January 1938, No.2020F/37-7, dated 6th May 1938, and No.2020F/37-11, dated 7th July 1939, and G.O.No.2138 Revenue dated 18th August 1939, the Government ordered that, on lands previously under irrigation from the sources in question, the old rates of water-cess (viz. Rs. 4 for a first crop and Rs.6 for a dufasal crop) should continue to be levied for faslis 1346 to 1349 instead of the rates specified in Rule II(a) referred to above.

2. For the reasons given in paragraph 2 of his letter D.Dis.No.1101/40, dated 28th May 1940, the Collector of Bellary has recommended that the rates of Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a single crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs.11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop may be charged for fasli 1350 for the irrigation of both classes of lands - viz., the lands previously irrigated and those newly brought under irrigation. In paragraph 2 of its Reference read above, the Board of Revenue has however proposed that the old rates of water-cess, i.e., the rates in force in fasli 1349, should continue to be levied for fasli 1350 on [illegible] an previously under irrigation. The Board has not made any recommendation regarding the water-cess to be levied in respect of areas newly brought under cultivation.

3. The Government see no justification for differentiating between the old and the new areas of irrigation in favour of the former and, in view of the fact that the areas newly irrigated are being charged Rs.7-8-0 for a first crop and Rs.11-4-0 for a dufasal crop per acre with effect from fasli 1349, they see no reason why the areas previously under irrigation should not be charged at these rates for fasli 1350. Water rates at Rs.10 and Rs.15 per acre should have been levied on the old areas of irrigation from fasli 1346 under the rules notified in December 1934 but the old rates of Rs.4 and Rs.6 per acre were continued up to fasli 1349 as a matter of concession. these circumstances it cannot be contended that there has been lack of notice of the liability of the lands to the higher of water-cess. The Government accordingly direct that Rs.7-8-0 per acre for a first crop other than a dufasal crop and Rs.11-4-0 per acre for a dufasal crop should be charged for both old and new areas of irrigation for fasli 1350.

4. In respect of lands newly brought under cultivation, the Board of Revenue was, in paragraph 2 of G.O.No.1452 Revenue,

dated 25th July 1934, asked to submit a report, six months before the beginning of the fasli in which the maximum rate of Rs.10 was due to be introduced for them, whether in view of the trend of prices and the development of irrigation, the maximum rate should be introduced. Although the same provision was not made in respect of old areas of irrigation, it is only logical that the consideration of prices should be taken into account in respect of them also. In view of the Collector's recommendation in his letter dated 28th May 1940 and of the general price levels now prevailing, the Government consider that the rates of water-cess should not be enhanced to the full rate of Rs.10/- per acre at present in the case of either class of land, new or old areas of irrigation. The Board is requested to report whether this enhancement should be imposed for fasli 1351 by 1st April 1941.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

B.G.Holdsworth,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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With reference to Under Secretary's orders in para 2 of the note on p 5 n/f it is stated that the original Call book entry ~~against~~ in regard to the point raised therein was made against 25-1-38. It appears from the entry in Col 7 ~~against~~ against Serial no 4 on p 4 of the old Call book/Part II Fi below that the date "25-1-38" was altered to "1-12-1940" under the orders of L.S in Rt note in Cns 20 20 F/37. This C no 20 20F/37 was disposed of as Lo 2138 Rev D/ 18-8-39. The Rt note is not in that Lo or in the destroyable originals of that Lo. It has presumably been destroyed.

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